



In the Spring of 1981 the National Association for Olmsted Parks convened a national conference in Massachusetts, bringing together historic landscape preservation advocates from across the nation. Over 450 people attended.

This conference was the catalyst for the formation of the first statewide affiliate of the National Association for Olmsted Parks, the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks, and led to the creation of the nation's first statewide program for historic landscape preservation: the DEM's Olmsted Historic Landscape Program. Today the Commonwealth continues its commitment to historic landscape preservation.

Parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, his sons and successor firms, are part of the Commonwealth's rich cultural landscape legacy. It is the Commonwealth's duty and privilege to preserve this legacy for generations to come. The Commonwealth's initial investment in preserving the legacy across the state continues to stimulate both public and private investment in these landscapes.

As Frederick Law Olmsted wrote over 100 years ago:

"For every thousand dollars judiciously invested in a park, the dividends to the second generation of citizens possessing it will be much larger than to the first; the dividends to the third much larger than to the second."







HISTORIC LANDS APE PRESERVATION

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Connecting , cople to these resources through education and recreation

The Frederick Law Olmsted NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OLMSTED PARKS

HISTORIC MASSACHUSETTS INC.

creating a unique preservation organization
and structures. Our goal is to encourage the integrating of these resources into
the social and economic fabric of Massachusetts life.

THE EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bob Durand

Commissioner of The Department of Environmental Management Peter C. Webber

MAOP establishes goals:

NAOP holds its first

Brookline and Cambridge.

: NAOP and the American

Architects (ASLA) work with

designate Fairsted, Frederick

Olmsted's home and

National Park Service to

ce in Brookline, a

ational Historic Site.

or Olmsted Parks (MAOP)

ablished as first NAOP

conference in Boston,

Society of Landscape

- fo develop a commitment for action to preserve protect, rehabilitate and maintain the Olmsted landscape in Massachusetts;
 To stimulate public and private sector acceptance of the responsibilities for these landscape assets;
- To promote knowledge and understanding of the Olmsted parks and landscape through publications, lectures, meetings and other educational activities;
- > To locate, evaluate and ensure the preservation of and access to Olmstedian archival materials:
- > To act as a liaison with other organizations to foster and develop cooperation and exchange of information and action for the preservation, protection and use of Olmsted landscapes and other parks and open spaces;
- MAOP creates three primary program areas: Inventory, Rangers, Design Principles.
 - * Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and MAOP develop OLMSTED IN MASSACHUSETTS: The Public Legacy - A Pilot Project for a National Inventory.
 - :: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Olmsted Historic Landscape Preservation Program (OHLPP) established with \$15 million from 1984 Open Space Bond Bill. Legislation names 12 parks in eight communities to receive one million dollars per park: Work begins on development of program criteria, research precedes planning and construction in Boston, Brookline, Brockton, Lynn, Springfield, Fall River, New Bedford, and Worcester.
 - :: OHLPP Statewide Advisory committee appointed by the Governor.
 - 1984-1989 :: DEM selects consultant teams of preservation landscape architects and historians to begin historic research and master planning in Olmsted Program communities.
 - :: Program standards developed by DEM Statewide Advisory.
 - :: Advisory committees established in each of the eight Olmsted Program communities.
 - :: Hundreds of meetings take place.
 - :: "Friends of the Park" groups for DEM Olmsted Historic Landscape Preservation Program parks are established in Boston, Brookline, Lynn, New Bedford, Brockton and Worcester.
 - : DEM initiates a planning process to recapture Charles Eliot's Bay Circuit Greenway.
 - :: DEM funds the rehabilitation of town commons across the state through the City and Town Commons Program.
 - :: Historic Massachusetts, Inc. founded, MAOP one of four founding organizations.
- :: OHLPP disperses \$12 million to fund research, master planning, project management, and Early Action: projects in eight cities.
- :: Massachusetts 1987 Open Space Bond Bill provides an additional \$17 million for the OHLPP.

- : Economy shifts, resulting in the capping of bond-funded programs including DEM's OHLPP.
- :: Shift from Commonwealth of Massachuselts funding to municipal implementation of the Master plans.
- :: "Friends of the Parks" and other community organizations continue advocacy for park preservation, capital Improvements and maintenance;



- 1992-94 :: Senator Robert Durand chairs Massachusetts Special Commission on The Future of Historic Preservation.
- :: Focus on legislative action to refund preservation monies to state agencies for municipal grants, reactivate latent programs.

:: Senator Durand files Historic Massachusetts Act to implement Recommendations of Special Commission on Historic Preservation.

: Massachusetts legislature reauthorizes \$10 million into the MHC Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund.



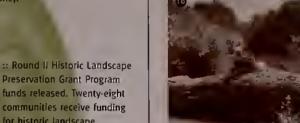
- : Boston Green Space Alliance begins planning for the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.
- :: Historic Massachusetts Conference: PUBLIC PLACES PRIVATE INITIATIVES focuses on the historic landscape cosponsored with the Massachusetts DEM.
- :: DEM's historic landscape program re-activated; release of a \$900,00 grant for Bridging the Emerald Necklace joint program,

Boston and Brookline.

- :: Massachusetts legislature passes 1996 Open Space Bond Bill including re-authorization of 19B7 DEM historic landscape program funding.
- :: Rivers Protection Act signed.

:: Secretary of Environmental Affairs announces release of one million to DEM for historic landscape preservation grants.

- :: DEM creates the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program, a program of matching grants and technical assistance for the preservation of municipally-owned historic landscapes. Eighteen communities from around the Commonwealth receive historic landscape preservation grants.
- :: Brownfields Act signed.
- : Founding of The Emerald Necklace Conservancy.



for historic landscape preservation projects. :: DEM continues funding for :: DEM initiates Historic Historic Landscape Preservation Cemetery Preservation Grant Program. Twenty-five Initiative, a first of its kind communities receive funding statewide preservation

:: Twenty-two communities receive funding

through Round III of the Historic Landscape

Preservation Grant Program. DEM maintains

Municipally Owned Historic Burial Grounds and

:: Based on the success of the Historic Cemetery

Initiative, DEM launches similar pilot program to

services aimed at the long-term preservation of

city and town commons, greens and squares.

provide technical assistance and planning

Twenty-three communities participate.

:: Community Preservation Act signed.

annual funding level of \$1 million, DEM

publishes "Preservation Guidelines for

:: DEM receives ASLA Award for Historic

Cemeteries."

Cemetery Initiative.

- initiative to provide technical through Round IV. assistance to support the :: DEM initiates Heritage critical preservation and Landscape Inventory pilot stabilization needs of project, the first statewide municipally-owned historic comprehensive inventory of cemeteries and burial cultural landscapes.
 - : These accomplishes notwithstanding - there is still much work to be done!

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

1981 1982 1983 1984

: Workshop in Washington, D.C.

(October) Agenda for Action.

1986

1987

1988

: Meeting in New

Haven, CT (April).

Restoration of

Olmsted Parks in CT.

1989

Parks.

.: Tenth Anniversary Conference in

:: Meeting in Concord, CA and tour

(October), Centennial Celebration

for Yosemite, in conjunction with

: Founding of Malne Olmsted

Alliance for Parks and Landscapes.

of Yosemite National Park

The National Park Service.

Buffalo, NY, (May), A Decade of

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1991

:: Historic Massachusetts

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Legacies, 1990s Challenges ;

holds landscape conference: -

1992

1993

:: Meeting in Atlanta, GA

(April), Olmsted's Lasting

:: Conference in St. Louis,

MO (September), Reality

Parks, in conjunction with

Check for Our Nation's

the National Trust.

:: Conference in Denver, CO (May)

Olmsted Gathering in the Rockies.

Making a Visible Difference: An

Legacy in Atlanta.

1994

:: Conference at the

Biltmore Estate, Asheville,

NC (April) Balancing Nature

Landscapes, co-sponsored

Olmsted Parks Conservancy.

and Culture in Historic

by the National Trust.

:: Founding of Buffalo

1996

1997

1999

grounds. Twenty communities

participate in the initiative.

2000

2001

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OLMSTED PARKS

- : National Conference in Chicago, IL (June), Olmsted and the Historic Landscape Revisited and Renewed, cosponsored with Chicago Friends of the Parks. : Founding of Buffalo Friends
- :: National Conference in Boston & Brookline, MA (April).



of Olmsted Parks.

- : Joint meeting in Liverpool, England with Liverpool Congress (July) Green Towns and Cities UK/USA.
- : Conference in Seattle (September), Olmsted Parks of the West: The Future of a Tradition, co-sponsored with Friends of Sealtle Parks and Seattle Recreation Dept.
- : Founding of Seattle Friends of Olmsted Parks.
- :: World Conference on Olmsted Parks in New York, (September), A Festival of Historic Public Parks and Private Places.
- :: 125th Anniversary of Central Park; publication of Volume 3 of Olmsted Papers, Creating Central Park.
- : Founding of the Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta (partly in response to the threat to the Olmsted-designed Druid Hills suburb by the Carter Presidential Parkway).
- :: Founding of the Friends of Fort Tryon Park.
- :: Congressional hearings held in Washington on National Inventory of Olmsted Parks.
- :: Liverpool Conference Green Towns and Cities gives DEM Olmsted Program international exposure.



:: Conference at the Biltmore Estate in

:: Conference in NYC (September), Olmsted

in NY, co sponsored by the City of NY Parks

:: Founding of the Friends of Maryland's

Olmsted Parks and Landscapes.

Founding of the New York State Association for Olmsted Parks.

Asheville, NC (April)

and Recreation Dept.

- : Conference in New Orleans (April). : Workshop in Louisville, KY (November), lizing An Olmsted Constituency, cosponsored with the Louisville Friends of Olmsted Parks.
- :: Founding of the Prospect Park Alliance.
- :: Founding of the Louisville Friends of Olmsted Parks.
- : Publication of NAOP's Master List of Design Projects of the Olmsted Firm, 1857-1950.
 - :: Conference in Baltimore, MD (May), Reviving the Olmsted Vision: Linking People and Greenspaces.
 - :: Meeting in Belleview Park, Belleview, NJ :: Centennial Celebration of Sudbrook, MD.
 - :: Founding of the Louisville Olmsted Parls Conservancy (and the beginning of the 'e loration master planning for Cherokee, Iroquois and Shawnee Parks and their parkways.)
- Trus: 1890s Legacies, 1990s Challenges: The Landscape Vision, co sponsored with Historic Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

:: C nference in Boston, MA (May). Held in

- :: Conference in Philadelphia, PA (October), Woodlands in Urban Parks, co-sponsored with the Fairmount Park Commission. : Beginning of restoration project for Mont
- Royal Park in Montreal, Canada.



: Conference in Chicago (October), From Riverside to Sunnyside: Preserving Our Nation's Historic Communities. co-sponsored with National Trust and American Planning Association.

- : Meeting in Washington D.C. (March).
- :: Trustee Training meeting in Santa Fe, NM (June), Visions of the Santa Fe Landscape.

Meeting in Boston, MA March) in conjunction with National Recreation and Park Association.

1998

: Conference with tours in Louisville, KY (October), Revival of the Olmsted Parks and Parkways of Louisville.

Master Planning for Cadwalader Park in Trenton, NJ.

20th Anniversary Celebration in Boston, MA (May).

- : Meeting in Atlanta, GA and tours of the parks (April).
- leeting in Chicago, IL ar tours of the parks (November).
- :: Founding of Friends of New Jersey Olmsted Parks.



: Meeting in Kansas City, MO (April), A Legacy of Design: the Kansas City Park and Boulevard System.

.: Conference and tours in Rochester, NY (October), Recapturing Waterways in Historic Parks: Rochester's Olmsted Legacy in a National Context.

:: U.S. Postal Service issues Frederick Lav Olmsted stamp.



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- al Plan tor Portland Maine 19 of 18 De aware Park, Buffalo NY (circa 1900)

: Conference at Mt. Auburn

(October), Historic Landscape

Treatment, co-sponsored with

: Founding of Montauk, NY

Friends of Olmsted Parks.

Cemetery Cambridge, MA

Preservation: Gelting to

the National Trust.

